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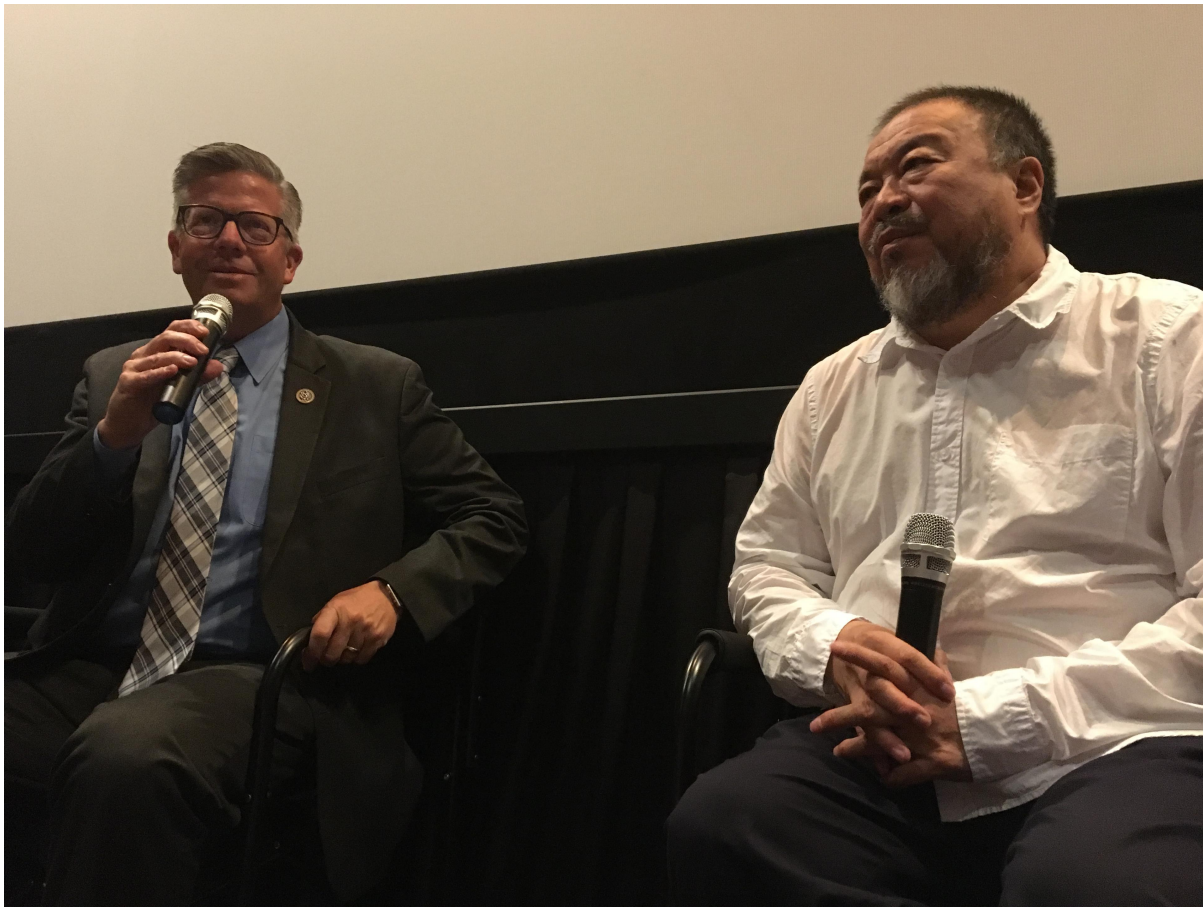
Disaster Relief for Americans

Families and small business owners in Puerto Rico and in Florida, California, Texas and other states are suffering from terrible natural disasters. This week I supported \$36.5 billion in emergency supplemental disaster relief legislation for urgent, short-term, immediate needs related to recovery from Hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria, and wildfires in the western United States.

In addition, I urge the House to pursue meaningful reform to ensure the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) remains available in the future to Americans who need it. We must stand up for taxpayers who deserve responsible management of their hard-earned dollars.

[Click here for more details.](#)

Giving Voice to Refugees through Art, with Ai Weiwei



(Rep. Hultgren shares stage with Ai Weiwei and Rep. Red Lieu)

Last month I was humbled and honored to join Chinese dissident artist Ai Weiwei for a screening and discussion of his film, *Human Flow*, which “documents the staggering scale of the worldwide refugee crisis and its profoundly personal impact through deeply human stories across 23 countries over the course of a year.” Ai Weiwei’s art and writings have been a relentless voice for the voiceless, holding governments to account for their human rights abuses.

[Click here to read the *Chicago Tribune* story: “Dissident artist Ai Weiwei and U.S. Rep. Randy Hultgren bond over refugee rights.”](#)

This past summer, the Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission hosted an event showcasing “Trace at Hirshhorn,” Ai Weiwei’s 176 portraits created in a Lego quilt motif of noted activists, prisoners of conscience and defenders of free speech. See my Legislative Update below for the new China Commission report on the country’s disturbing human rights record.

I was disappointed at the that President Trump and his Administration set a cap of 45,000 for refugees to be admitted in

fiscal year 2018, which began October 1. I believe we can balance both compassion and security and remain the world's shining city on a hill. We should help both those who want to stay in their homelands and the most vulnerable who have fled based on a grounded fear of facing persecution or death if they return.

Let's trust our longstanding and rigorous vetting system, with its strong record of success, to open the door to those most in need. And let's keep highlighting those in need through [film](#) and [story](#).

Micah's Law Stops Abortions of Babies Who Can Feel Pain



I voted to pass Micah's Law, named after this lively five-year-old. Micah was born prematurely at 20 weeks and was able to survive and thrive after spending more than four months in the neonatal intensive care unit. He is now in kindergarten, and I found out in talking with him that we share a love of Legos.

Americans are against abortions after 20 weeks. They agree with science that says that an unborn child's brain and nervous system have developed sufficiently for that child to feel pain, and they understand why surgeons routinely administer anesthesia—as pain relief—to unborn babies in the womb prior to performing surgeries.

I urge the Senate to act on the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act, H.R. 36, to ensure kids like Micah can live full and rich lives.

Related: [Click here to read our joint congressional delegation response to Governor Rauner's signing of H.B. 40.](#)

My Take on the Tax Reform Blueprint

Our current tax system does not reflect our workforce or our economy. It is costly and time consuming for individuals and families, and hurts the ability of Americans businesses to grow and create new jobs. We need real reforms that simplify the tax code, lower taxes on all Americans and their families and stimulate job growth. I am very encouraged by this significant step toward reforming a tax code that for too long has obstructed economic growth in this country.

I am particularly pleased that House leadership included the 25 percent rate for small and midsize businesses that I introduced in the [Bring Small Businesses Back Tax Reform Act](#), which gives the freedom, means and flexibility for these employers to expand and create jobs. I am encouraged that it appears that the [hard work of the Municipal Finance Caucus](#) led those working on the tax reform blueprint to leave the federal tax deduction for municipal bonds intact. These bonds are primary method by which state governments and local municipalities finance public capital improvements and infrastructure construction, propelling job creation and economic growth. Tax reform is also an opportunity to expand the use of manufacturing bonds, and I encourage the inclusion of my [bipartisan legislation](#) to allow manufacturers to expand their businesses, invest in new equipment and hire more workers.

I'll be working closely with my colleagues to ensure the final

legislation is good for Illinois individuals and families.

[Click here to read the blueprint](#). Please let me know what you think so far using the Contact link above.

Legislative Update

- The sensitive personal information of more than 143 million Americans was exposed during Equifax's data breach, including Illinois residents. In the Financial Services Committee **I pressed former Equifax Chair and CEO Richard Smith for answers**, and relayed stories from 14th District residents who were harmed. [Click here for more](#).
- Community Health Centers offer the kind of preventive and comprehensive health care services other health centers do not, and I will continue to make them and the patients they serve a top priority. That's why **I support H.R. 3770, the Community Health Improvement, Modernization and Excellence Act of 2017, which would extend federal financing of the Community Health Center Fund for an additional five years**, including modest annual increases to address the growing need for behavioral health and substance abuse treatment services. [Click here to learn more](#).
- Freedom to follow one's conscience, faith and deeply held moral convictions is at the heart of our country's identity and protected under the Constitution. **Americans don't give up those freedoms when they open a family business or enter the workplace or provide health coverage for their employees**. That's why I am pleased President Trump and his Administration have reversed the unconstitutional HHS mandate that violated the First Amendment freedoms of Americans and have instead developed a common sense rule that allows and encourages Americans to live out their religious convictions and deeply held beliefs without fear of reprisal or being forced to violate their conscience.
- China's record on human rights and the rule of law continues to deteriorate, as laid out in detail in the **Congressional-Executive Commission on China's 2017 Annual Report**. As Commissioner, I was honored to announce the results of this year's report alongside Chair Sen. Marco Rubio and Co-Chair Congressman Chris Smith. [Click to view a summary and](#)

[the report in full.](#)

Monday: Get Assistance at My Senior Resource Fair



Congressman
Randy Hultgren
invites you to

**SENIOR
RESOURCE
FAIR**

Huntley Park District
12015 Mill Street, Huntley, Illinois 60142

Oct 16
1:00-3:00PM

I invite all seniors and their families to attend my Senior Resource Fair on Monday, a one-stop-shop to get the answers and assistance you need. Details:

<https://hultgren.house.gov/newsroom/press-releases/hultgren-announces-senior-resource-fair-featuring-local-service>

Thank a Farmer Day

For those who work in acres, not hours. For those who work hard across Illinois and the country to produce the food we eat. To all of you, all of us say, Thank You!



If you haven't already, be sure to [like my Facebook page](#), follow me on Twitter ([@RepHultgren](#)), or [check out my YouTube page](#) to stay informed on everything I'm doing on your behalf in Washington and in Illinois.

In Your Service,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Randy".

*Randy Hultgren
Member of Congress
14th District, Illinois*

Randy in the News

- [Dissident artist Ai Weiwei and U.S. Rep. Randy Hultgren bond over refugee rights](#) (Chicago Tribune)

- [Hultgren announces Senior Resource Fair featuring local service organizations, federal agencies](#) (Kendall County Now)
- [Hultgren bill clarifying ambiguity within Financial Stability Oversight Council becomes law](#) (The Ripon Advance)
- [Hultgren Comments on CAT Closure, Hurricane Relief Vote, North Korea and More](#) (WSPY News)
- [Hultgren 'disappointed' about potential refugee cap](#) (Aurora Beacon-News)
- [Illinois congressman sound off on federal tax reform proposal](#) (Illinois News Network)
- [Illinois GOP Gov. Rauner faces conservative fury for expanding taxpayer-funded abortions](#) (FoxNews.com)
- [Illinois Republicans in Congress rebuke Rauner over abortion bill](#) (Chicago Tribune)
- [Nigeria: Citizen's diplomacy and American agendas](#) (Daily Trust)
- [US House passes bill to ban most abortions after 20 weeks](#) (Catholic News Agency)

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